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CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
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Filing Date 22 March 2001  
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Art Unit 3627  
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114

a. ☒ Previously submitted

- i. ☒ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on 30 Jan 2006.

(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)

- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \*\*\*\*\*.

- iii. ☐ Other

b. ☐ Enclosed

- i. ☐ Amendment/Reply

- ii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

- iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

- iv. ☐ Other

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1.103(c) for a period of \*\* months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required).

- b. ☐ Other

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- i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)

- ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)

- iii. ☐ Other

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed

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FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA		RATE	FEE	OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY
BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16(n))					\$	
TOTAL CLAIMS (37 CFR 1.16(c))	minus 20 =			X \$		
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MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM PRESENT (37 CFR 1.104(i))				+ \$		
				TOTAL		
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Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	16	minus 20		X \$		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(d))	4	minus 5		X \$		
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Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	16	minus 20		X \$		
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.104(i))				+ \$		
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Total (37 CFR 1.16(c))	16	minus 20		X \$		
Independent (37 CFR 1.16(d))	4	minus 5		X \$		
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM (37 CFR 1.104(i))				+ \$		
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